

METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR
COMMUNICATING PRODUCT STATUS INFORMATION

Abstract of the Disclosure

- 5 Methods of communicating product status information include
maintaining a record of a product identification string associated with a product of
a user, the product identification string being associated with a corresponding batch
of the product. A batch status request is transmitted to a directory service
maintaining batch status information at selected intervals and/or responsive to a
10 user request and the requested batch status information for the product is received.
The batch status request need not include personal information of the user. Related
directory services, systems and computer program products are also provided.

#323499